

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2513

February 7, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor for failing to yield right-of-way to an approaching emergency vehicle and failure to yield right-of-way to a stationary emergency vehicle. Encourages TDOT to alter existing signage to inform the public of the punishment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$32,300

Increase State Expenditures - \$15,730 One-Time/Highway Fund

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

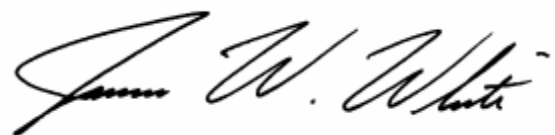
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$1,700

Assumptions:

- Approximately 680 annual violations.
- The State will receive fines, and the clerks will receive commission on such fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- Current penalty for a violation is punishable by a \$50 fine only. Under the provisions of this bill, a violation is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, or imprisonment not greater than thirty days, or both.
- An average fine increase of \$50 per violation.
- There will not be a sufficient number of convictions resulting in imprisonment for local governments to experience any significant increase in expenditures.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to alter existing signage. Although the bill encourages TDOT to alter existing signage, the fiscal note reflects such cost in anticipation that TDOT would alter such signage.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director